



SMILE BRANDS PARTNERS WITH SHARE OUR SELVES TO DISTRIBUTE 4,000 BACKPACKS TO UNDERSERVED YOUTH

Nonprofit's 22nd Annual Back-to-School Program Benefits Low-Income Families Throughout Orange County

COSTA MESA, Calif. (August 23, 2017) – Volunteers from [Smile Brands, Inc.](#), an Irvine, CA based company providing support services to over 350 affiliate dental practices across 16 states, joined up with [Share Our Selves](#) (SOS), to help with their 22nd Annual Back to School Program on August 19, where they distributed over 4,000 backpacks and other necessary school supplies to underserved youth in Orange County.

Smile Brands employees donated backpacks filled with school supplies to this year's drive and representatives from the company and the [Smiles for Everyone Foundation](#) volunteered to help distribute the supplies to local area families.

"Who doesn't remember the excitement of starting a new school year armed with a pack full of paper, pencils, glue sticks and all those items that make school fun," said Crystal Strait, Executive Director of the Smiles for Everyone Foundation. "Participating in this event is just another way we can fulfill our mission of delivering smiles for everyone in the communities we serve."

SOS celebrated another successful program this year as they gave out backpacks and other school supplies including binders, spiral notebooks, pens, filler paper, markers, calculators, and gift cards for new school uniforms. All of the backpacks and school supplies donated were given to SOS by community members who believed in SOS' mission to provide the necessary items for underserved children in Orange County to go back to school with the confidence to tackle the 2017-2018 school year.

About Smile Brands

Based in Irvine California, Smile Brands Inc. is one of the largest providers of support services to dental groups in the United States. Smile Brands Inc. provides comprehensive business support services through exclusive long term agreements with affiliate dental groups, so dentists can spend more time caring for their patients and less time on the administrative, marketing, and financial aspects of operating a dental practice. Smile Brands supports 360+ Bright Now!® Dental, Monarch Dental®, Castle Dental®, A+ Dental Care, OneSmile Dental, and Johnson Family Dental offices in 16 states, including Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania,

Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Smile Brands is a portfolio company of Gryphon Investors ("Gryphon"), a leading middle-market private equity firm based in San Francisco, CA. For more information, visit smilebrands.com.

About the Smiles For Everyone Foundation

The Smiles for Everyone Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of delivering smiles for everyone by providing free dental care for those in need, both at home in the U.S. and around the world. Since 2011, the Smiles for Everyone Foundation has delivered over 12,000 smiles and \$10.5 million in donated dentistry. The foundation currently supports programs which provide free dental care to those in need in Cambodia, Ghana, Laos, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Thailand, and the United States. For more information, visit smilesforeveryone.org.

About Share Our Selves

As leaders in the community, Share Our Selves (SOS) has provided care and assistance to our most vulnerable populations in Orange County since 1970. With service centers throughout Orange County, we specialize in providing personalized care for the community, including medical and dental services, behavioral health, case management, financial assistance, and special holiday programs. Our experience and innovative solutions, paired with our wide-ranging services, allow us to address the systemic nature of poverty from many angles, upholding our clients' basic human rights through transformational care, and fighting for the dignity all members of our community deserve. For more information about Share Our Selves please visit: shareourselves.org

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